

***We are a Child Safe School.
All children have the right to feel safe and to learn.
We are committed to protecting the wellbeing of students in our care.***

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 4th February	Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am
Monday 7th February	Assembly, 3.15pm (Students only, virtual)
Wednesday 9th February	No school for Foundation (Prep) students
Thursday 10th February	Canteen open for sales
Friday 11th February	Uniform shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am
Monday 14th February	Assembly, 3.15pm (Students only, virtual)
Wednesday 16th February	No school for Foundation (Prep) students

From the Principal,

Welcome to all of the parents, students and teachers to 2022.

It certainly has been a different start to the year, but, in the true Kingsbury fashion, we have had a strong focus on supporting each other. As I have mentioned a fair few times our community is fantastic and the support our families has given us has certainly been appreciated.

Some of the events we usually have during February we will postpone until later on down the track, when hopefully the COVID restrictions ease. The most significant of these will be the parent teacher meetings and we will hold this off until early March.

One of the key areas that we will be focussing on in 2022 will be Numeracy. This week, our staff spent some time looking at an online resource called Nrich from Cambridge University. It has lots of challenging problem solving tasks that take a fair bit of thinking and collaboration. We look forward to including them in our learning program.

Over the break we have redesigned our website to make it (hopefully) a little more user friendly. We appreciate any feedback about our new look, especially whether there is some information you are looking for that we need to add. Thanks to Anne (our EAL instructor) who put together much of the creative work that is a bit beyond me. Hope you all like it.

This week we have included some comments from our first week back at school. I hope you enjoy them. Don't forget if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact the office or email me directly at brett.millott@education.vic.gov.au

All the best for now

Brett Millott
Principal

Thoughts on how our kids feel about being back at School—This week we asked some of our students about what they were looking forward to in 2022, here are their responses:



Chau Anh—I can talk to my friends, it feels normal.

Mai—I am happy being with my friends.

ZiHan—I can learn new things at school. We have all new pencil cases and books. I am happy I can play outside at recess and lunch.



Oliver—I can play with my friends and have lunch with them.

Astrid—I get to see my friends and I get to play.

Sai—I am happy to go to school and I like to play.

Mushfiqur—I like being with friends to learn.



Abhay—I am happy to be at school so I can learn more Maths.

Sarah El-Ghattis—I can be with my friends and do lots of fun stuff.

Jasmine—Being back with friends and learning at school because it feels like we haven't done it for so long.

Zach—Seeing friends and having a routine back at school. It's kind of tiring but I don't care because we are back.



Minh Khang—I can meet new people, see more things and do lots of different activities.



Vivienne—I am very happy to see my friends and am looking forward to playing sport.

Tianah—I am looking forward to doing Art. I am happy with my grade, friends and teacher.

Brandan—I'm happy I'm at school; I can do sport and play soccer. I like that I can do a lot of activities.

April—It's been hard with the Covid scenario, but I'm happy to be back and I am looking forward to going on camp.



Joshua T—I'm excited to be in Grade 6. I'm looking forward to athletics. I enjoy doing Maths at school better than at home.

We are a Sun Smart School

All students must wear a hat in Term 1 and part of Term 2. This is not negotiable. Students not wearing hats will be required to play in the shade and will be unable to participate in Physical Education lessons or sport. Hats are available for purchase from the uniform shop on Friday mornings. Bucket hats are \$12.00, Legionnaire Hats \$9.00 and Broad Brimmed Hats are \$14.00.

CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Application forms are available at the School Administration office, please return completed forms as soon as possible.

School Attendance

The Department of Education requires all families to notify the school by 9.30am each day, if their child is absent. Then the school roll can be marked accordingly. Any family that does not contact the school will be contacted a school staff member to find out the reason for the absence. DET expects that all students attend school each day, unless a reasonable explanation is provided.

There are three ways you can notify us of your child's absence:

- ▶ Telephone 9462 2711 at any stage prior to 9.30am
- ▶ Email the school @ kingsbury.ps@education.vic.gov.au
- ▶ Notify us on the Compass App. A quick, easy option for those on the move. The Compass App can be downloaded via the "App Store" and is free. Please see the Administration Staff if you require a username and login.

School start and end times

As you know, school starts at 9:00am at Kingsbury Primary School. It is very important that teachers start their teaching promptly at this time, in order to set students up well for the start of the day and to maximise learning time.

I am asking all families to **arrive at school by 8:50am**, so that your child is ready to walk into class with their peers at the start of the day. Teachers have been directed to begin teaching at 9:00am, regardless of late arrivals. If your child arrives late, they must sign in at the office via the Compass Kiosk. Please encourage children to walk quietly into class and join in the activity. There is no opportunity for parents to speak to teachers after 9:00am. If you wish to discuss something, please catch up with your child's teacher after school.

School finishes at 3.30pm each day. Parents, please ensure that you are not late in picking up your child/children, as they can become quite anxious if their parents are not there to pick them up on time. Teachers are on yard duty until 3.45pm, and your child/children should wait with them until this time. After 3.45pm children will be directed inside to the School Office, where a staff member will make contact with the parents.

Before and After School Care is available to families. All families must register to use this service. Application forms are available from the School Office or contact the Program Coordinator, Jill Holmes on 9462 2354 for more information.

Dental Check Ups

Shortly, all families will receive a letter, flyer and permission form for your child to participate in our upcoming free dental check up & treatment plan for eligible students. All permission forms need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Years 3/4/5/6 Camp—Golden Valley Lodge

Our camp planning is currently underway—to be held in the last week (fingers crossed) of Term 1, Monday 4th April—Wednesday 6th April at Golden Valley Lodge on the Mornington Peninsula. Golden Valley Lodge is an adventure camp where our students will participate in activities that center around four main disciplines; High adventure, pioneering, social interaction and large group activities. More details will be provided shortly.

Foodbank

Foodbank has once again delivered some items to our school to distribute to families. We have a wide variety of breakfast cereals, together with long life milk, tinned fruits, soups etc. If you would like to collect some items, please pop into the office before 4.00pm, Monday—Thursday. Fresh fruit will also be delivered in the coming weeks.

Privacy Policy

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website, www.kingsburyps.edu.au For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents, <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>

This information is also available in nine community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



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KINGSBURY OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Email: oshc.kingsbury.ps@education.vic.gov.au
Telephone: 9462 2354

Welcome back, everyone! We hope the school year is off to a great start for you all, especially for any new families and prep children. We have our fingers crossed that this year will be a safe and happy one with as few interruptions as possible!

Despite an unexpected break in the middle due to Covid, we had lots of fun during our summer holiday program. We loved going to the movies to see Sing 2 and The Addams Family 2, and at Bounce we got to play trampoline dodge ball and jump off the high platform. In a highly technical survey though, 3 out of 3 kids agreed that our incursion with the Ultimate Games video game bus was the best part of the holidays! Other highlights included Roan and Charlize's origami stall on our Kingsbury Marketplace Day (did you know you can make pop-it fidget toys out of paper?!), having a big water fight on a hot day, and doing different construction projects with Pringles chips, spaghetti and recycled bits and pieces.

We're looking forward to having more fun crafting, cooking, experimenting and playing all throughout the term and would love for your family to join us.

A friendly reminder to all families to complete and return your re-enrolment forms as soon as possible. New families are also encouraged to enrol - this will enable you to use the program regularly, occasionally or even just in an emergency. If you'd like to find out more about our program please feel free to get in touch using the email above or come and visit us in the multi purpose room.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	TOAST AND CEREAL	TOAST AND CEREAL	SMOOTHIES	TOAST AND CEREAL	OMELETTES
AFTERNOON TEA	RISSOTTO	NOODLE STIR FRY	ROAST POTATOES	CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP	POPCORN
ACTIVITY OPTION 1	CRAFT: NATURE COLLAGE	CRAFT: PAPER LANTERNS AND WIND SOCKS	COOKING: LEMON & BLUEBERRY YOGURT CAKE	CRAFT: BRACELET MAKING	PICTIONARY
ACTIVITY OPTION 2	PAPER PLANE CHALLENGES	SAND SCULPTURES	CRICKET	TAIL TIGGY	OBSTACLE COURSES
FREE PLAY IDEAS	PLAY UNO OR TWISTER, PUT ON A FUNNY COSTUME, DRAW A SELF PORTRAIT OR WRITE AN ACROSTIC POEM				

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Keon Park Stars Junior Football Club

Registration

DAY & TRAINING

Sunday 6th February 2022

11am-2pm at JC Donath Reserve Oval No 5 (Middle Oval)

JUNIOR FOOTY: U9/10, U12, U14, U17

AFL AUSKICK: AGES 5-12

NETSETGO NETBALL: AGES 5-12

- * FREE BBQ
- * TRAINING DRILLS & KICK 2 KICK
- * MEET 2022 COMMITTEE & COACHES
- * REGISTER FOR SEASON 2022
- * CARD FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO PAY REGO FEES
- * GET INFORMATION REGARDING THE SEASON
- * FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR TEAM
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